

**How God Builds A Community of Generosity**  
**Being A Community of Hope In A Despairing World -**  
**Part 6 of 8**

**“Remember the words that the Lord Jesus himself said, ‘There is more happiness in giving than in receiving.’”**  
Acts 20:35

**FOUR WAYS GIVING BENEFITS MY OWN LIFE**

1. Giving Breaks The Grip Of \_\_\_\_\_.

**“You cannot serve both God and money.”**  
Matthew 6:24

**“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to be generous and willing to share. In this way they may take hold of the life that is truly life.”**  
1 Timothy 6:17-19

2. Giving Strengthens My \_\_\_\_\_.

**“Your giving proves the reality of your faith.”**  
2 Corinthians 9:13

**“Give...not with regret, or out of a sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly. God is able to make it up to you by giving you everything you need and more so that there will not only be enough for your own needs but plenty left over to give joyfully to others.”**  
2 Cor. 9:7-8 (GN/LB)

3. Giving Is An Investment For \_\_\_\_\_.

**“Use your money to do good...always being ready to share with others whatever God has given you. By doing this you will be storing up real treasure for yourselves in heaven -- it is the only safe investment for eternity! And you will be living a fruitful life down here as well.”**  
1 Timothy 6:18-19 (LB)

Paul: **“Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account.”**  
Philippians 4:17 (NIV)

**“But though I appreciate your gifts, what makes me happiest is the well-earned reward you will have because of your kindness.”** Philippians 4:17 (LB)

**“It is not that I just want to receive gifts; rather, I want to see profit added to your account.”**  
Philippians 4:17 (GN)

4. Giving Makes Me \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus: **“There is more happiness in giving than in receiving.”**  
Acts 20:35

**“The people rejoiced for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord and David also rejoiced greatly.”**  
1 Chronicles 29:9

**“The heart regulates the hands...in giving.”**  
2 Cor. 8:14,16 (Mes)